25. Like Time's destroying flames I see Thy teeth,
Upstanding, spread within expanded jaws ;
Naught know I anywhere, no shelter find,
Mercy? O God! refuge of all worlds !
—(xi. 25.)

26. The sons of Dhritarashtra, and with them
. The multitude of all these kings of earth,
Bhishma, Drona, Suta's royal son,
And all the noblest warriors of our hosts.—(xi. 26.)

27. Into Thy gaping mouths they hurrying rush,
Tremendous-toothed and terrible to see;
Some caught within the gaps between Thy teeth
Are seen, their heads to powder crushed and ground.
(xi. 27.)

28. As river-floods impetuously rush.
Hurling their waters into ocean's lap,
So fling themselves into Thy flaming mouths,
In haste, these mighty men, these lords of earth.—
(xi. 28.)

29. As moths with quickened speed will headlong fly
Into a flaming light? to fall destroyed ;
So also these, in haste precipitate,
Enter within Thy mouths destroyed to fall.—(xi. 29.)

30. On every side, all-swallowing, fiery-tongued,
Thou lickest up mankind, devouring all;
Thy glory filleth space; the universe
Is burning, Vishnu, with Thy blazing rays.—
(xi. 30.)

31. Reveal Thy **Self**; what awful Form art Thou ?
I worship Thee! Have mercy, God

Supreme 1
Thine inner Being I am fain to
know ;
This Thy forthstreaming Life
bewilders me.—
(xi. 31.)